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Higher Education Updates
Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

It's the end of the fiscal year, which means a whirlwind of activity to wrap up projects, ensuring we have made the best use of our resources and planning for the fiscal year ahead, beginning October 1st for the Federal government. For the Higher Education Program, this has meant pulling together three additional focus groups: Resource Needs for Emergency Management (EM) Higher Education, Higher Education Data Collection, and Jobs & Internships for EM Students & Graduates. We are also supporting our new special interest groups (SIG) and funding community-generated proposals.

As we move into the new fiscal year we will be working to put in place recommendations to improve the navigation of our website which will provide easier access to existing materials and a new space to post information for SIG groups and current efforts. Some of the current efforts you will see posted on our website and shared at the 2017 Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium are:

- Identifying specific measurable behaviors of emergency management competencies at the associate, bachelor, graduate and executive level,
- Capturing the oral history of emergency management higher education,
- Implementing pilots to discern the utility of the new Emergency Management Institute learning content management system for the higher education community,
- Conducting research to better understand the environment and needs of emergency management internship programs and job placement, as well as the resource needs of the higher education community,
- Developing a toolkit to support the application of service learning and leadership in emergency management academic programs; and,
- Analyzing our program focus group activity effectiveness and impact on program development and emergency management discipline advancement.

We are incredibly excited about all the efforts underway! It is a very energizing time as the Emergency Management Higher Education Program is connecting with many network partners. We are sharing capabilities and collectively learning how to strategically manage our network to advance the emergency management academic discipline, promote the integration of research and ultimately develop an emergency management workforce to serve the resilience of our Nation. Thanks to each of you for your time and efforts toward our mission!

EM Higher Education Community Conference Calls – Please join us. The purpose of the call is to: learn from the emergency management academic community what is new and exciting in their world; find out about ongoing projects; discuss higher education community needs that we can address; and provide the opportunity for callers to ask questions. **Date for the next conference call is September 22** from 2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT. The call information is **800-320-4330, PIN: 376368.**

Hi Ed Webinar, "The Role of Research in Emergency Management Education: Current Status and Future Directions," **September 28, 2016, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EDT**. For more than a decade, members of the emergency management higher education community have discussed the need to use research in emergency management programs. This webinar will: feature results of a recent study related to utilization of research by Arkansas State University students; engage webinar attendees in discussing how the findings are similar to their perceptions and experiences at their institutions; and, address research issues in emergency management higher education programs.

Speakers: Deborah J. Persell, PhD, RN, APN, Director, Regional Center for Disaster Preparedness Education College of Nursing and Health Professions Arkansas State University and **Jessica Jensen,** Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Management Co-Director, Center for Emergency Management Education and Research (CEMER) North Dakota State University
Please register in advance. **Conference Call-In: 800-320-4330, PIN: 995678**

EM Hi Ed Webinar Series - If you are interested in sharing your expertise, or would like us to cover a specific topic in a future webinar, please contact Wendy Walsh at wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov.

College List - The Higher Education Program updates the website in an effort to keep the information current. The college list is a compilation of college and university emergency management, homeland security, and related programs. Send your updates to FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov.

Remember to Mark Your Calendar for the next Hi Ed Symposium! The 19th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium will be held June 5-8, 2017 at FEMA's National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Resources and Announcements NETC Library
Download the free FEMA **app** to help keep your family stay safe through emergencies, even from across the country. With weather alerts available from anywhere in the U.S., know when severe weather may impact far-away students and family. The app is available free on the Apple App Store and on Google Play.

September is **National Preparedness Month** which serves as a reminder that we all must take action to prepare, now and throughout the year, for the types of emergencies that could affect us where we live, work, and also where we visit. National Preparedness Month is a good time to take action to prepare yourself and your family. The month leads up to National PrepareAthon! Day on September 30, when individuals, organizations and businesses across the country will highlight the importance of taking action and practicing emergency preparedness actions.

FEMA has extended the deadline to Dec. 15, 2016, to submit feedback to the Mitigation Federal Leadership Group Disaster Resilience Indicators Subcommittee's Draft Interagency Concept for Community Resilience Indicators and National-Level Progress Measures. Stakeholders can submit comments and feedback to FEMA-CommunityResilience@fema.dhs.gov.

Coastal Resilience Center
If you have a coastal hazards resilience opportunity for the center to share on social media and through their website, send an email. Looking for an internship, fellowship, scholarship or other related opportunity? See the Opportunities page.

Dr. Phil Berke leads a project at Texas A&M called "Local Planning Networks and Neighborhood Vulnerability Indicators." The project enables local planners and emergency managers to improve integration of hazard mitigation to guide land use and urban development in hazardous areas. More information.

Calendar
Disaster Information Outreach by Librarians - Webinar: Collaborations between Libraries and Disaster Organizations Part 2, Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 1:30 pm ET. The Disaster Information Specialist monthly webinar is free and open to everyone. **Tania Bardyn** and team from the University of Washington Health Sciences Library will present about their current Disaster Health Information Outreach and Collaboration Project. **Sarah Carnes**, a virtual intern with the NLM Disaster Information Management Research Center, will present about her project "Design and Delivery of an Outreach Strategy to Increase Awareness of Disaster Information Resources." LOGIN/Event Password: 1234

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